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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION - WESTERN HEMISPHERE: VENEZUELA, CHAVEZ '
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August 15 & 16, 2009

Title- The Threat Lula Stimulates

Editorial in center-right O Estado de S. Paulo (8-15) states: ".....
[The Economist] magazine [published an editorial that] emphasizes
the dangerous benevolenceof Brazil's regional diplomacy with
regards to Hugo Chavez.....In the current crisis [related to the
expansion of the U.S- Colombia deal] created by Chavez to hide the
evidence of his armed support to the [FARC] movement, Brazil had the
second worst reaction, ranking only behind Ecuadorian Rafael Correa,
which has no relations with Bogota, by demanding guarantees that the
bases will not have another aimIt is of national interest to
prevent a new cold war among neighbors....."

Title- Welcome to the team

Op-ed in liberal Folha de S. Paulo (8-16) by Eliane Catanhede says:
"Barack Obama is trying to pretend he cares for Latin American, but
he in fact does not. And it is time for him to do so. Venezuela,
Bolivia and Ecuador are recouping their anti-U.S. rhetoric under the
pretext of the expansion of the U.S.-Colombia deal....It is in this
context that Mexico's President visits Brazil.....[a country]
without enemies . . . that is the door for Mexico to enter into a
place it should have never left....."
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